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In the morning, the President traveled to Las Cruces, NM. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had an intelligence briefing. He then participated in an interview with USA Today. He also had a telephone conversation with Senator John McCain of Arizona to discuss campaign finance reform issues, including advertisements by organizations described in Section 527 of the Tax Code. Upon arrival in Las Cruces, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Frank Ontiveros.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Farmington, NM, where, upon arrival in the afternoon, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Rod Conover. He then traveled to Albuquerque, NM, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Bernice Young.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

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In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Mikulas Dzurinda of Slovakia to express his best wishes on the eve of the 60th anniversary of the Slovak national uprising against the Nazis and to discuss efforts to support freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Later in the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he participated in an interview with U.S. News and World Report.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Miami, FL. Later, at the City of Miami Fire Station Number Two, with Gov. Jeb Bush and Representative C.W. Bill Young of Florida, they participated in a briefing by Under Secretary for Emergency Preparedness and Response Mike Brown on recovery efforts in Florida in response to Tropical Storm Bonnie and Hurricane Charley.

Later in the afternoon, at the Miami Arena, the President and Mrs. Bush made remarks at a rally.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

The President declared a major disaster in Nevada and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the

area struck by a wildland fire on July 14–27.

The President declared a major disaster in the Northern Mariana Islands and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by flooding, high surf, storm surge, and high winds as a result of Super Typhoon Chaba beginning on August 21 and continuing.

**Nominations
Submitted to the Senate**

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

**Checklist
of White House Press Releases**

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released August 23

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Released August 25

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Statement by the Press Secretary on the decision by the Democratic Republic of the Congo to suspend all Congolese Rally for Democracy-Goma activities

Statement by the Press Secretary on the African Union's efforts at a solution to the Darfur conflict by sponsoring talks between the Sudan Government and the Darfur rebels

Released August 27

Statement by the Press Secretary on support for elections in Lebanon that are free of foreign interference

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Nevada

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to the Northern Mariana Islands

Fact sheet: President Issues New Orders To Reform Intelligence

Fact sheet: Responding to Hurricane Charley

**Acts Approved
by the President**

NOTE: No acts approved by the President were received by the Office of the Federal Register during the period covered by this issue.